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GEORGE B. M'GINTY



George B. McGinty, secretary and executive officer of the interstate commerce commission, who signs his name to no less than 5,000 communications emerging from the commission every day. Twenty years or so ago he arrived in Atlanta from the country, obtaining a job as clerk in a railroad office.

## SOLDIER SHOTS DESERTERS WAS FORCED TO LEAVE CAMP WITH CAPTORS.

Waited Until Night Brought Sleep  
To the Deserters Then Tried  
To Return Them

Lawton, Okla.—Private Brown rode into the reservation recently with the dead bodies of R. McCrutchan and Roy Hughes, casualties brought to Fort Sill as deserters. He finished that day's work by writing a record for the historic service log at the post that will live forever.

Brown was posted military guard over McCrutchan and Hughes, assigned to cleanup work that evening. Brown's guard became lax and the deserters jumped on him and took his automatic out of his belt, threw the cartridges away, searched him for more ammunition, and to avoid detection, forced Brown to accompany them on "French leave."

That night the trio pitched camp twenty miles east of Lawton. Like three buddies they huddled up against a fire to beat the brisk October air and soon they fell asleep—McCrutchan and Hughes. Private Brown feigned sleep. His captors snored at last, then Brown stealthily recovered his .45 from the sleeping deserter. He quickly filled the gun with the seven shells that he had secreted in an undershirt pocket for just such an emergency.

A gun in the ribs is a mean sort of an alarm clock. McCrutchan and Hughes objected to being routed out, to get ready to go back to the post. Private Brown said, pointing his gun at the prisoners. McCrutchan laughed and started to move out of the circle of the camp fire's light. "Halt," snapped Private Brown. McCrutchan moved on away. "Halt, or I'll shoot." "Shoot ahead," said McCrutchan, who thought he had taken Brown's last bullet. Then McCrutchan started to run. The gun barked four times and McCrutchan dropped dead. The other deserter, Hughes, well awake by now, had leaped for Private Brown's back as he was checking McCrutchan, but he was fighting against odds, right orders and an honorable service record.

It took the seventh of the seven shells to finish Hughes, but from the campfire built by the three musketeers the path turned backward to the post and honor for Private Brown, to death and dishonor for the two who failed to find a pocket in an undershirt.

## K. K. RULING IS SOUGHT

Attorney General of Texas Asked  
By Grand Jury For Decision

Austin, Texas.—The Travis county grand jury, through County Attorney John W. Hornsby, asked the attorney general's department for an opinion

## SENATOR KNOX SUDDENLY DIES

APOPLEXY IS THE CAUSE  
OF HIS DEATH IT  
IS STATED

IN PUBLIC LIFE FOR 20 YEARS

Both Upper and Lower Houses Adjourned For One Day In Honor  
Of Man Who Drafted  
Peace Bill

Washington.—The wheels of government in Washington slowed down as a mark of respect to the memory of Senator Philander C. Knox, whose sudden death cast a gloom over the capital.

### Apoplexy Cause Of Death

The immediate cause of death was a stroke of apoplexy. Senator Knox had left the capital late in the afternoon, taken a short motor ride and returned to his home for dinner. While preparing for dinner he was stricken. He died while medical aid was being summoned with only Mrs. Knox and his private secretary present.

The senate met and adjourned out of respect to the distinguished Pennsylvanian. A number of important hearings, scheduled to go on were postponed.

President Harding commenting on the sudden death of Senator Knox, said:

"The shocking sudden death of Senator Knox brings a very great loss to the country. His was a distinctly



Philander C. Knox

high place among the foremost statesmen of American. He was no less beloved as a companion than he was respected in his signal public service."

For twenty years Senator Knox has been one of the most noted and active figures in Washington political life, first as attorney general under McKinley and Roosevelt, later secretary of state under Taft and in two terms in the senate, and his sudden and unexpected death came as a severe shock to the capital generally. Republicans and democrats alike mourned his passing as taking away from public life one of its most noted and active figures.

The shock was all the greater because of its suddenness. The Pennsylvanian senator had returned only recently from a month's vacation abroad. Upon his return to Washington he told his colleagues that he was "feeling fine" except for a little fatigue from the ocean trip. He plunged into his senatorial work with all his usual vigor, however, and was preparing for the busy session ahead when he was stricken at his home.

MRS. ELIZABETH TYLER



Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, Atlanta, Ga., the only woman member of the Ku-Klux Klan and one of its highest officers, who offered her resignation along with that of E. Y. Clarke, also an officer, following charges made against them in newspaper articles on the Ku-Klux Klan.

## TAX YIELD IS NOT CUT

Increase in Distilled Spirit Section  
Alone Makes up 42 Million Dollars

Washington.—Changes in the pending tax revision bill agreed upon by republican leaders will result in no alternation in the total yield, according to the treasury estimates made public by Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee. The loss through repeals proposed was placed at \$197,000,000 and the gains through net taxes at the same figures.

The losses are estimated as follows:

Repeal of transportation taxes on freight, express, passengers, pullman and oil pipe line \$145,000,000.

Repeals of taxes on sporting goods, \$2,000,000; chewing gum, \$1,000,000, photographic apparatus and accessories, \$200,000.

Candy selling in excess of 40 cents per pound, \$8,000,000, electric fans, \$300,000; thermos bottles, etc., \$175,000; smokers articles, \$150,000,000; articles made of fur \$9,000,000; toilet soaps and soap powders, \$2,000,000, and tooth and mouth washes, dentifrices tooth pastes and toilet powders, \$3,000,000.

Reduction of tax on sculpture, paintings, statuary, art procleanas and bronzes from 10 to 5 percent, \$400,000.

Repeal of 5 percent tax on motion picture films leased, \$5,600,000.

Repeal of stamp taxes on parcel post packages, \$20,000,000.

The increases were given as follows:

"Restoration of capital stock tax, \$75,000,000.

Income surtax increase, \$50,000,000.

Elimination of \$2,000 exemption to corporations with incomes in excess of \$25,000—\$5,000,000.

Increase in tax on distilled spirits, \$42,010,000.

German Marks Hit Bottom

New York.—German exchange dropped to the lowest quotation in its history—70-1-2 cents for 100 marks. The previous low record, made last week, was 78 cents, after which the price rallied to more than 82. Demoralization which extended to other foreign exchanges, including British and French remittances.

### Injured in Grandstand Fall

Decatur, Ill.—Forty-five persons were injured, five seriously when ten sections of the grandstand seats erected for the American Legion state convention parade collapsed just before the parade passed.

### Arkansas Prison Probe In

Pine Bluff, Ark.—The penitentiary commission was vindicated of charges of cruelty to convicts and mismanagement of the state farm at Tucker, in a report filed with Circuit Judge W. B. Sorrels following two weeks of investigation.

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